

# CLUB NOUVEAU NEWSREEL PRESENTS "OH HAPPY DAY"

In perfect timing with the 20th anniversary of the smash gospel hit, "Oh Happy Day," CLUB NOUVEAU has returned to the music scene, after a two year hiatus, with a 'jammin' reggae remake of the Edwin Hawkins classic. As the first single from the group's new album, entitled "A New Beginning" on JVK Records, "Oh Happy Day" is complemented by a new video which makes its debut on Black Entertainment Television.

The video for "Oh Happy Day" presents in black and white, newreel fashion, a wondrous montage of celebrations from around the globe, dating as far back as 1920. The vintage footage proves to be a special treat as worldwide images of dance and prayer provide seamless presentation for the context of the song. Square dancing, African tribal dance, Tibetan rituals, and prayer ceremonies from India are only a few of the scenes that captivate the viewer, as they all seem to perform in perfect beat with the song.

The video's concept was conceived by veteran director, Ken Ross, who also directed the videos for the Club Nouveau hits "Jealousy," the Grammy award winning "Lean On Me," and "Why You Treat Me So Bad." As Ken explains, "I wanted to do justice to how good the song made me

## James Brown Plans Show For Kids

James Brown plans to appear at a benefit to raise money for New York City's beleaguered schoolchildren.

The godfather of soul said Saturday at a news conference that he hopes other performers will join him for a "Stop the Violence" festival.

The show, tentatively scheduled for June, was proposed because two students were fatally shot Wednesday at a Brooklyn high school and a 15-year-old was arrested.

Brown said he may visit Thomas Jefferson High School.

"First, I'll tell them to do something with their minds," he said. "Then the guns won't be around. Their minds are very important."

Brown greeted about 100 youngsters at the New York Hilton.

"I love you because your parents and your grandparents showed me a long time ago what love was about," he told them. "They helped me get out of the ghetto and make it."

feel, so I had to make a video that would make people feel just as good. Club Nouveau follows a timeless tradition of music, as

opposed to trendy, so we chose images that were timeless as well. If this video doesn't make you smile, I don't know what

will!" The video, production for Cyclone Pictures, also feature GorJam Production artist, Juli-

anna Bolden, performing a reggae toast. Tedd Meurer served as executive producer, Marin C. Jones was the producer, and

Jefferson Spady the editor. Club Nouveau is Jay King, Valerie Watson, Kevin Irving and Rocque LaCrosby.

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